

Quarterly Public Meeting
Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219
West Valley, New York
Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Meeting Summary

Attending

Deborah Aumick, Lynette Bennett, Charles Biedermann, John Chamberlain, Pat Concannon, Rob Dallas, Diane D'Arrigo, Judy Einach, Chris Gerwitz, Gladys Gifford, Joanne Hameister, Lee James, Robert Knoer, Paul Kranz, Elizabeth Lowes, Kathy McGoldrick, Anthony Memmo, James Miller, Teresa Nagel, Joseph Patti, John Rendall, Bill Schaab, Warren Schmidt, Alvin Schuster, Ray Vaughan, Barbara Warren, Agnes Williams.

Agency Participants

NYSERDA: Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, Lee Gordon, Andrea Mellon

DOE: Bryan Bower, Marty Krentz

Facilitators

Jeremy Kranowitz and Doug Thompson

Welcome and Introductions, John Chamberlain, West Valley Environmental Services

- Review agenda and purpose of the meeting as being to provide a project status with broader discussion to follow.

Discussion Points

- The Citizens Task Force (CTF) agenda will dictate whether the quarterly session would fall on a CTF meeting date or whether a separate day will be needed.

Project Overview, Bryan Bower, DOE

Bryan Bower presented an overview of the project status.

- Project safety update.
- Vessel removal from OGC, addition of wall to provide shielding.
- There was a safety stand down as a result of a small fire inside a waste drum inside the Main Plant. There was no release to the environment or exposure to site workers as a result of the fire.
- Transuranic (TRU) waste processing.

- Low level waste shipping.
- Tank and vault drying system.
- Permeable Treatment Wall (PTW) for North Plateau Groundwater Plume. Initial monitoring results show a reduction of Strontium-90 concentrations in wells downgradient of the PTW.
- Donations to local partner organizations.

Discussion Points

The effectiveness of Nitrocision work in the Main Plant Process Building cells

The North Plateau Groundwater Plume

Phase 1 Studies Discussions, Jeremy Kranowitz, Keystone

- The Keystone Center has again been hired to facilitate this session, and is a candidate for facilitation for this process in the future.
- Keystone's role is to serve as the neutral and independent party in the room, and to help solicit comments and input from the public.
- Reviews some of the key points from the February 23rd meeting.¹

Update on Phase 1 Studies, Paul Bembia, NYSERDA

Paul Bembia provided an update on the Phase I studies. February 23 meeting: Received written comments and agencies are preparing joint written responses.

- DOE and NYSERDA are moving forward to place a joint contract with an 8(a) SBA certified contractor to implement the Phase 1 Studies.

Discussion Points

- Selection of Independent Scientific Panel (ISP), Subject Matter Experts (SME), and facilitator.
- Opportunities for public input
- Qualifications for 8(a) contractor, ISP, SME, facilitator
- 8(a) Sources Sought
- 8(a) contractor capabilities briefing

LiDAR and Orthoimagery Project, Lee Gordon, NYSERDA

Lee Gordon presented information on a recently completed joint agency project. Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology was used to develop a very detailed and accurate topographic map of the entire Buttermilk Creek watershed, including the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC) and West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP). Part of the project involved the acquisition of high resolution aerial photographs of the watershed.

Several demonstrations were made regarding analyses made possible by the new datasets. This data is made available to the public, and to local municipalities and educational institutions.

Discussion Points

- Uses of data

Plan to periodically update data and imagery every 5 years

Next Meeting, John Chamberlain, West Valley Environmental Services

- Next quarterly meeting tentatively scheduled for August 24th. The public is invited to suggest any agenda topics of interest related to Phase I studies.
- Meeting organizers request that participants please sign in as it keeps the mailing list up to date.

Note: Participants must be U.S. citizens and have photo identification. Please contact Jeremy Kranowitz (202-452-1594, jkranowitz@keystone.org) or Doug Thompson (508-202-7764, dthompson@keystone.org) with questions or comments concerning this summary or future meetings.